



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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Summer in September

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 24, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A second week of hot, dry and sunny conditions gave crops in Wisconsin a needed boost in development. Temperatures rose into the upper 80s and 90s and many cities statewide had daily highs above normal. Crops were maturing and drying down rapidly in the heat. The corn silage harvest was taking off, with some producers combining soybeans in southern Wisconsin. Fall tillage and winter wheat planting progressed as fields were cleared. The potato, cranberry, and fall vegetable harvest continued.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 22 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Ninety-five percent of Wisconsin's corn has reached the dough stage or beyond, 4 days behind the 5-year average. Eighty percent of the corn has reached the dented stage, 4 days behind the average. Twenty-three percent was mature, 9 days behind the average. Corn acres harvested for silage was reported at 34 percent complete, 7 days behind the average. Corn condition was 69 percent good to excellent, 1 percentage point below last week.

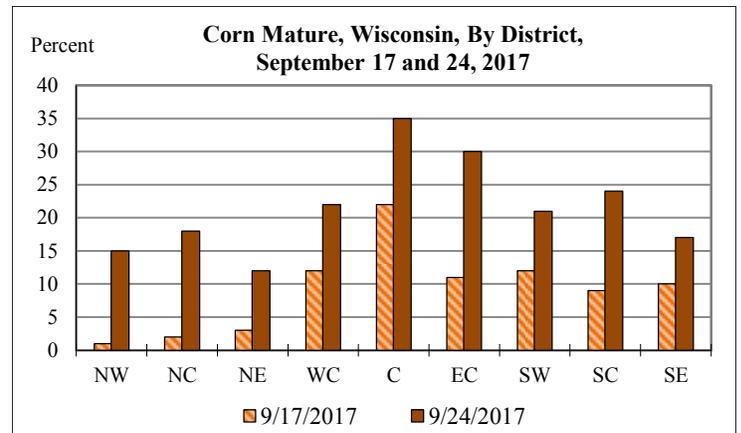
Leaves were turning color on 81 percent of the state's soybean acreage, 9 days behind last year, and 4 days behind the average. Forty-six percent was reported dropping leaves, 7 days behind last year, and 3 days behind the average. Soybean harvest was just getting underway. Soybean condition was rated 74 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points below last week.

Thirty-nine percent of Wisconsin's winter wheat acres were planted, 11 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat emerged was reported at 18 percent complete, 9 days ahead of last year.

Potato harvest was reported at 64 percent complete.

Pasture condition was 56 percent good to excellent, 7 percentage points below last week.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was reported at 89 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of September 24, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn.....	3	8	20	46	23
Pasture & Range.	4	13	27	38	18
Soybeans.....	2	6	18	48	26

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Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent									Percent			
Alfalfa Hay, Fourth Cutting.....	86	79	89	92	89	91	87	91	88	89	76	84	73
Corn Dough.....	92	78	95	95	92	97	99	98	98	95	93	100	97
Corn Dented.....	74	65	77	80	79	84	90	74	91	80	67	94	86
Corn Mature.....	15	18	12	22	35	30	21	24	17	23	10	64	44
Corn Harvested for Silage.....	17	26	12	38	27	30	57	44	44	34	15	62	52
Potatoes Harvested.....	72	100	97	95	53	n.a.	56	39	n.a.	64	44	57	n.a.
Soybeans Coloring.....	68	85	76	87	88	80	81	78	83	81	61	95	87
Soybeans Dropping Leaves.....	34	50	34	46	45	43	52	50	50	46	19	70	56
Winter Wheat Planted.....	64	86	41	29	31	46	51	29	20	39	22	21	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	36	51	15	18	15	19	29	11	10	18	5	8	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 24, 2017

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable.....	5.1	5.4	5.4	6.0	6.7	5.5	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.0	6.6	2.7
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	1	3	0	1	30	9	6	7	4	0
Short.....	8	32	19	18	28	11	23	30	37	22	17	1
Adequate.....	89	67	64	78	69	84	47	59	56	68	77	59
Surplus.....	3	1	16	1	3	4	0	2	1	3	2	40
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	4	3	3	2	0
Short.....	4	25	12	14	17	9	40	24	25	20	12	1
Adequate.....	94	74	68	82	80	87	51	69	70	74	83	64
Surplus.....	2	1	20	1	3	4	0	3	2	3	3	35

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Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS-C.B.: More rain again this week. Soybean maturity is way behind normal as there still is very little coloring even this late.

RUSK-G.P.: Soybeans have made a big change this week with lots of color showing up and leaf drop starting. Corn silage starting with moistures running 65 to 70 percent and right now just going into piles. Winter small grains will start up here as soon as silage comes off.

LINCOLN/MARATHON-D.E.: Warm weather was just what the crops needed to mature. Ginseng is being dug but the next year's crop has irreparable damage from this year's inclement weather. Recent hay harvests have good relative feed value.

SHAWANO-B.R.: We are still behind in maturity for both corn and soybeans but this extremely warm weather is helping tremendously. Corn silage harvest will get underway this next week for many of the area farmers. This is about two full weeks behind for those farmers. We may start to see some of the early soybeans come off this next week also. Alfalfa is growing well. In addition, we have not seen much rain this past week and fields are finally drying out. We are all thankful for this great weather.

CHIPPEWA/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: Corn silage harvest is in full swing on early planted and lighter soils. Corn silage yields are very good with excellent quality. Some hay harvest still happening.

ADAMS/JUNEAU-J.W.: The exceptionally warm weather really pushed the corn and soybeans toward maturity. Some soybeans were coming off with yields normal to above normal. Silage has been coming off as well and a lot of hay was cut and harvested the last week.

PORTAGE-J.J.: Corn silage at 71 percent moisture.

FOND DU LAC/WASHINGTON-B.B.: Warmest weather of the crop year pushed maturation of the row crops and set the corn silage harvest to overdrive. Another torrential rain the evening of the 20th, with totals in Fond Du Lac County up to five inches.

VERNON-K.L.: A very hot and dry week. Way above normal temps for the end of September. Heat a bit late for soybeans but helping with corn maturity. Some silage started, but expect this following week to be busy. A few producers starting snaplage and high moisture too.

COLUMBIA-G.K.: Soybean harvest has begun. Corn silage harvest is picking up speed rapidly, due to lack of rain. High heat and lack of moisture has almost stopped plant growth in its tracks. Corn and beans are beginning to dry rapidly as a result.

DODGE-R.H.: We had 0.2 inches of rain Wed. night. Otherwise, just beautiful out with temps in the upper 80's. Lots of corn being chopped for silage. Heard one report of someone combining some early soybeans with moisture at 10 percent.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Dry, drought conditions still exist. Corn husks opening up. Dry down fast this week. Soybeans leaves turned yellow fast past week.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on September 24, 2017

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Sep. 23	Mar. 1 to Sep. 23 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	78	56	92	46	67	+9	2472	2375	0.40	0.90	-2.20	29.00	+2.64
Green Bay	82	58	91	50	70	+12	2447	2240	0.47	0.98	-1.59	26.47	+3.66
La Crosse	85	62	95	52	73	+11	3144	2674	0.18	0.37	-2.47	32.11	+5.80
Madison	84	59	92	46	72	+12	2624	2624	0.41	0.55	-2.06	34.31	+7.92
Milwaukee	84	63	95	54	73	+11	2764	n.a.	0.00	0.39	-2.39	29.71	+2.95

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1971-2000 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more weather data, please reference the following sites: <http://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <http://www.cocorahs.org/> <http://www.weather.gov/>

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